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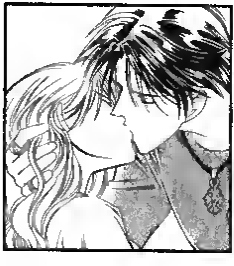
WOW!



YUP
HEY...
I HEARD THEY GOT A BIG BREAK BECAUSE OF THEIR AUDITION SHOW.
THAT'S "N'EST CE PAS", ISN'T IT?
I ALSO HEARD THAT A DESIGNER WAS PICKED FOR THIS SHOW...
HE'S AN INTERNATIONAL DESIGNER, ISN'T HE? THAT'S SO COOL! BUT, THAT KID COMING OUT RIGHT NOW...
LOOKS A BIT AWKWARD IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S NOT USED TO THIS...
WHOOPS!

HUSHED VOICE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KID?
PAT
Was he...
following me?

BUT YOU KNOW... IT'S NICE...
TO HAVE ANOTHER EXCELLENT MEMBER...
KAGANO SEI, HE'S A GOOD KID,
DON'T YOU THINK?
AL-MOST
ANG-ELIC!

SWOOSH
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE...
MAL-LOY-SAMA.
SEEING THEM GIVES ME CHILLS IT'S REALLY A HORRIBLE SIGHT.

WE ARE CLOSE TO THE MIRACLE THAT IS THE DISCOVERY OF "MARIA".
.. EVEN THOUGH WE INJECT THE ANGEL GENE LIKE THIS, IT'S ONLY EVER GIVEN THE SPECIAL PSYCHIC ABILITY
AND THE MIRACLE OF ANGELS IS NOT FAR OFF ...
THEY'RE THE SAME AS US...
AND IF THEY HAPPEN TO DEVELOP, THEN THEY BECOME "MARIA".
NOTHING MORE THAN THAT!
I HOPE SO,
SINCE WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE OTHERWISE ...
I WANT TO MOVE AS I PLEASE
I WANT A PSYCHIC ELITE TEAM
I WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO MOVE AT MY COMMAND.

MAKE THEM REGRET ...
THAT I EVER APPEARED IN THIS WORLD!
TO WHOM ARE ...
WHOM?
THOSE WORDS DIRECTED AT?
THERE ARE SOME OMINOUS IMPLICATIONS, AREN'T THERE?
I DON'T REALLY HATE ANYBODY ..
INJECTING THIS ANGEL GENE IN ME... ACTUALLY, I'M GRATEFUL TO MY GRANDFATHER FOR IT!
EVEN IF I WAS TREATED LIKE A GUINEA PIG...

CONQUERING THE WORLD!
I'M QUALIFIED FOR IT.
EVEN IF IT MEANS SACRIFICING YOUR OWN LIFE... RIGHT?
AND A FOOLISH MOTHER FALLS VICTIM.
WHICH MEANS
I DON'T NEED ANY "MARIA" OTHER THAN MYSELF, RIGHT, GIL —?

NO ONE BUT ME!
WELL, DID YOU HAVE A SERIOUS PREDIC-TION,
OR WAS IT A DUD?
KI-SHOU...
WELL,
IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT HE'S IN BETTER SHAPE THAN HE WAS BEFORE.

WHAT THE HELL? I DON'T GET HIM.
IMPACT
LET
LET GO!
His hand is on my shoulder...
BLUSH
Why...
I felt strange just now...
THUMP
THUMP
Why...

BUMP
ACK!
SORRY
WHAT ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY FOR?
PERFECT TIMING THOUGH
EVERY-ONE S HERE
I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL YOU GUYS
THE LOCATION SITES FOR THE COM-MERCIAL SHOOT HAVE BEEN DECIDED ON
THE LOCA-TIONS ARE
LAS VEGAS AND THE GRAND CANYON.

WHAT'S WRONG?
As soon as they heard him say the Grand Canyon, the mood became really tense...
THE GRAND CANYON!?
HUH?
THE GRAND CANYON IS WHERE THE ENEMY'S HEAD-QUARTERS ARE.

WE'RE GOING HEAD-ON INTO THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS.
IT'S TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE.
MAYBE IT'S
NOT A COINCIDENCE
JUST THE OTHER DAY, THEY WERE AFTER HIM.
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL APPROACH HIM.
WE'LL HAVE TO REFUSE THE PROMOTER.
WE MUST AVOID GOING TO THE GRAND CANYON
.....!
WAIT ...!

THAT GUY... THAT GUY NAMED GILBERT
AT THAT TIME, HE TOLD ME SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME
HE SAID MY REAL MOTHER WAS A SCIENTIST AT THE ENEMY'S LABORATORY... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE TRUTH
MAYBE THERE WILL BE A CLUE AT THE ENEMY'S HEAD-QUARTERS
I WANT TO KNOW WHY THIS HAPPENED

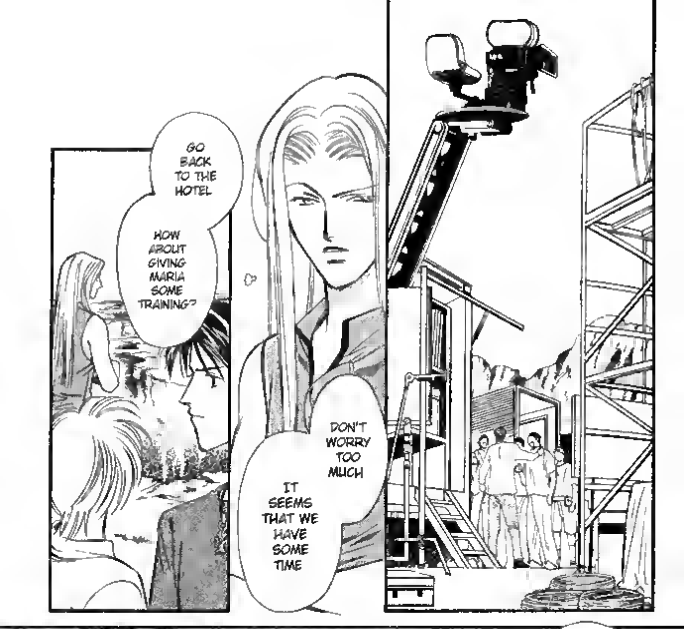
SOONER OR LATER, THE ENEMY WILL FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE
THEY'LL SHOW UP NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE
TOKI!
OKAY.
BUT...
THAT'S SUICIDE!
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
IT WOULDN'T BE A BAD IDEA FOR US TO NOBLY WALK INTO THE ENEMY HEADQUARTERS
ARE YOU SERIOUS? THAT PLACE IS WHERE YOU...

That place is where you...
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS, TOKI?
THAT WAS IN THE PAST.
SFX: sketch of the plane

I won't
let you share the
same fate!
I'll...
protect you...

WOW!
THIS IS THE GRAND CANYON?
USA
IT'S SO BIG!!
THE COLORADO RIVER HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS.
ARIZONA'S MAGNIFICENT GROUND WAS WHITTLED AWAY AND THUS, THE CANYON WAS CREATED. IT IS TRULY NATURE'S WORK OF ART. THE ENTIRE LENGTH IS ABOUT 450 KILOMETERS TOO.
At that time, I couldn't completely protect her.

REVELATION
19TH CENTURY GEOLOGIST JOHN WESLEY POWELL SAW THIS SCENE AND YELLED "WHAT A GRAND CANYON!"
AND THE NAME STUCK
THAT'S GREAT SHUN
ARE WE USING THOSE FOR THE PHOTO SHOOT?
IT'S A COMMERCIAL FOR A NEW MEN'S FRAGRANCE, RIGHT?
SO IT'S ESSENTIAL TO THAT IMAGE
ROSE FRAGRANCE L'ALLELUIA DES ANGES,
"ANGELS' HALLELUJAH"
SO
I'LL BE STANDING IN THE CENTER CARRYING THE ROSES?
YOU'RE RIGHT
I'LL TALK TO THE SPONSOR
BUT
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE RISKY?


GO BACK TO THE HOTEL
HOW ABOUT GIVING MARIA SOME TRAINING?
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH
IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE SOME TIME

JUST LIKE YOU SAID, WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS.
JUST BECAUSE THE ENEMY IS HALF-BAKED, DOESN'T MEAN HE'LL HAVE MERCY ON YOU
YOU DRAGGED ME THIS MESS AND THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET IT END IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
GULP

I'LL BACKUP SHUN.
YOU NEED TO FOLLOW HIM VERY CLOSELY
KYOYA
I'M SAYING
THAT WAS A LITTLE HARSH, WASN'T IT?
KISHOU
MENDALAY BAY

COOL!
THERE ARE EVEN THREE ROOMS!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN SUCH A MAGNIFICENT HOTEL!
CALM DOWN
A BIG BATH
WOW!
SO...
IF YOU'VE SAVORED EVERY-THING, COME HERE!
WE SHOULD GET STARTED

Blush
HUH
UH...
IDIOT!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? I MEANT TRAINING FOR MARIA!
SFX rustling
I KNOW! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING OF...?
JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
HERE'S A FLOWER.

I know I should be used to it by now..
But as time goes by.. she gets more and more sexy, and I can't look away....
I'M LOSING IT
WHAT AM I THINK-ING ?

WELL,
DO YOU SEE ANY-THING?
SPEAK UP
NO-THING
YET !?
!
A deep... canyon...
It's so deep ...
I'm falling ...!
LIWA
AAAAAH!

WHAT'S WRONG !?
SEI!
CALM DOWN! IT'S OKAY!
UAAAAH...
It caused me to panic horribly
LOOK AT ME!
TOKI ...!
TO-...

UU
UNN

TOKI
I CAN'T BREATHE

SORRY
AH!
SLAM
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
Don't tell me I'm starting to..
What should I do.. it was quite an erotic mood...

"WHITE MARIA" IS THE EXACT IMAGE OF THAT WOMAN...!
That's right... I'm a man by nature... and so is he...
When my body becomes that of a woman, do I start to think like one?

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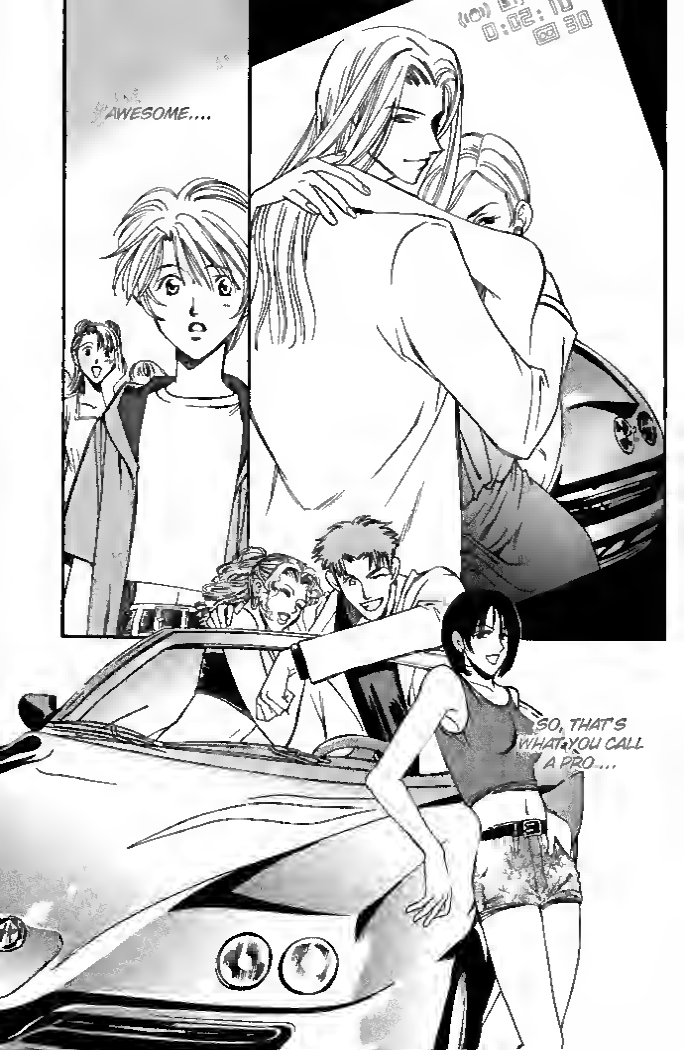
BRING THE CAMERA AROUND


AWESOME....
SO, THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A PRO....

Thump
rustle
Thump
WHY IS MY FACE GETTING HOT...
AH...

OKAY, THAT'S IT.
LET'S DO THE NEXT PHOTO SHOOT.
THE FOUR OF YOU STAND IN FRONT OF THE CAR.
SEI-KUN WILL STAND IN THE CENTER AND WILL HOLD A BOUQUET OF ROSES. YOU WILL GET DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE FROM THE STAFF.
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
DON'T WORRY.
I TOLD THEM HE HAD ALLERGIES. I REPLACED THEM WITH ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.
OH,
WHAT'S WITH THE SHODDY FAKES!
THESE ARE HORRIBLE.
IT TOTALLY DOESN'T FIT THE IMAGE.
THEY DECIDED TO CHANGE THEM SUDDENLY.
NO, NO. WE CAN'T USE THESE!

AH!
HERE SEI-KUN, TAKE THESE
WE'RE DOING A CAMERA REHEARSAL
PLEASE BE ON STAND-BY!
aura
WHY IS THIS...? THIS IS NOT ARTIFICIAL...
OH NO!
SEI!

impact
OH, NO!
EVERY-BODY IS WATCH-ING—
I'M SOR-RY.
HE'S NOT FEELING TOO GOOD ...

THEY SAW ME...!
DID THEY SEE ME?
SEI... SEI.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. THEY HADN'T STARTED FILMING.
COME ON. I'LL TURN YOU BACK RIGHT AWAY.
!

SE!?
I CAN'T. IF I KISS HIM RIGHT NOW...
AH...
WAIT!
TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG?
SE!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...
I'M SERIOUSLY...
SERIOUSLY
THIS IS NOT GOOD

SWAAAH
footsteps
!?
SEI!?

HMPH.
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, DO YOU
IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU JUST FALL LIKE A GOOD BOY
KUH
!?
AH— YOU'RE —
GIL!

HURRY UP!
MAKE IT EASY FOR ME.
MY HAND IS NUMB..
IT'S NO GOOD.
BAST ..ARD!
ha!

impact
fall
AH!
WAAAAH
SEI!

chui
AH!
swift movement
TOKI KYOYA, I PRESUME?
BASTARD, WHO THE HELL

GEEZ, YOU REALLY ARE HOPELESS WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN
BEING INVOLVED WITH THE MARIA PROJECT...
OUR DEAR CHILDREN... USING CAMOUFLAGE... YOU BOTH PULLED THE WOOL OVER OUR EYES.
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU
...AND "MARIA"
THE SAME AS YOU.
A FAILED LAB ANIMAL
DON'T SPEAK BADLY ABOUT MARIA! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW!
SHE...
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HER CARING FOR AND RAISING OTHER CHILDREN WITH THE ANGEL GENE?
THAT'S RIGHT
IN THE END SHE PROTECTED YOU AND WAS KILLED

hyu
---n
DON'T SAY THAT!!
AF-TER ALL,
YOU'RE ALL JUST GUINEA PIGS
I SEE, SO THAT IS YOUR ABILITY, HUH?
ba
ba
ba
ba
A PSYCHIC CAN DO MANY THINGS..

YOUR MARIA
SHE WON'T DIE
!
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ...
SHE REAL-LY...
LOOKS LIKE HER MOTHER, DOESN'T SHE?
ba
ba
ba
ba
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HER
THEN COME TO OUR BASE.

SEI!
THAT IS,
IF YOU DON'T VALUE HER LIFE.
ba
ba
ba
ba

glare

footsteps
YOU STILL ...
HAVEN'T REALIZED IT?
THAT'S NO FUN
WHOSE VOICE IS THAT.. ?
I THINK I FELL FROM THE CLIFF...
AND THEN...
!

WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ... SO SUDDENLY!
!
FINALLY WOKE UP, SLEEPING BEAUTY
BUT JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOU CAN'T BE RETURNED TO YOUR ORIGINAL SELF WITH A KISS FROM A PRINCE.
I GUESS IT'S SINCE WE'RE THE SAME
WHO ARE YOU?

AH... I STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.
MY NAME IS MALLOY.
WELCOME TO THE SOLON FINANCIAL GROUP'S UNDERGROUND FORTRESS, WHITE MARIA.
SO-LON FINAN-CIAL GRO-UP?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
BECAUSE IT'S CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE MARIA FOUNDA-TION.
WE'RE LOCATED IN COM-PLETELY OPPO-SITE ENDS.
SO...
YOU'RE THE ENEMY EVERY-ONE WAS TALKING ABOUT...

THAT'S SO SAD...
TELLING YOU THAT!
WE ARE THE CHOSEN ONES.
THOUGH IT IS SAID THAT WE ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE LEGENDARY MARIA WHO SAVED THE ANCIENT WORLD
SO THAT MEANS...
YOU ALSO TRANS-FORM...?
YOU TRANS-FORM WITH WHITE ROSES...
AND I TRANSFORM WITH BLACK ROSES...
THAT'S WHY...
I'M CALLED THE "BLACK MARIA."
BLACK AND WHITE
YIN AND YANG
POSITIVE AND NEG-ATIVE

MAY-BE
IT'S BECAUSE WE WERE BORN AS ONE.
SEI.. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S INTEREST-ING?
WHY ARE WE SUCH COMPLETE OPPOSITES?
WHA
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, WHEN I SEE YOU
LET-GO OF ME!
slap
HEH
AH HA HA

AHHAHAHAHA
YOU HEARD IT FROM GIL.
YOU WERE USED AS AN EXPERIMENTAL TOOL BY YOUR MOTHER.
CRUEL, ISN'T IT? INJECTING HER OWN CHILD WITH AN UNKNOWN GENE.
SEI.
YOU SHOULD THINK MORE ABOUT WHY YOU CHANGE INTO MARIA.
YOU CAN'T BE BORN WITHOUT BEING CURSED.
EVEN IF THAT IS TRUE...
THE PARENTS WHO RAISED ME...
SHOWERED ME WITH ALL OF THEIR LOVE.
AND I HAVE LOTS OF SPECIAL FRIENDS.

I DON'T REGRET BEING BORN!
I'M VERY HAPPY!!
.....
HEH, HOW OPTI-MISTIC
GIL, TAKE HER TO THE LAB

SEI ...
I WILL DEVOUR YOU.
WH—
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO? LET ME GO!
I WILL EXTRACT THE ANGEL GENE THAT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS,
AND INJECT IT INTO MYSELF FOR A SECOND DOSE. THEN I SHOULD GAIN THE PERFECTION OF OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS ..
AND SO,
IT WILL BE OUR JOINING ...
HOW-EVER—
WHEN IT HAPPENS, YOUR BODY WILL PROBABLY BE CHOPPED UP INTO PIECES

SO I THOUGHT... WHAT IF I CAN SURPASS THEM...
THE ANCIENTS COULD SUMMON THE POWER OF PROPHECY AT WILL.
THAT IS MY ULTIMATE GOAL—
I WAS BORN INTO SOLON,
AND I SAW WHAT MADE MY GRANDFATHER POWERFUL, SO DIFFERENT FROM MY NORMAL FATHER...
CRA-ZY!
WHAT'S THE POINT IN DOING ALL THAT!?
YOU ARE ...!
NOW,
MY WISH CAN COME TRUE...!
NOO!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!

BITE
OW.
GIL!
URGH ...
SWISH
SEI, STOP!

GIL...
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE...
TO ESCAPE FROM OUR GRAND CANYON HEADQUARTERS BY THEMSELVES!
WHERE CAN HE GO IN THIS RAT MAZE?
THE WHITE MARIA IS OURS.

LEADING PEOPLE TO THEIR END,
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RIDICULING THEM FOR IT...
HEY, GIL...
I WONDER IF I'M CRUEL...

BUT FOR THIS...
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY—

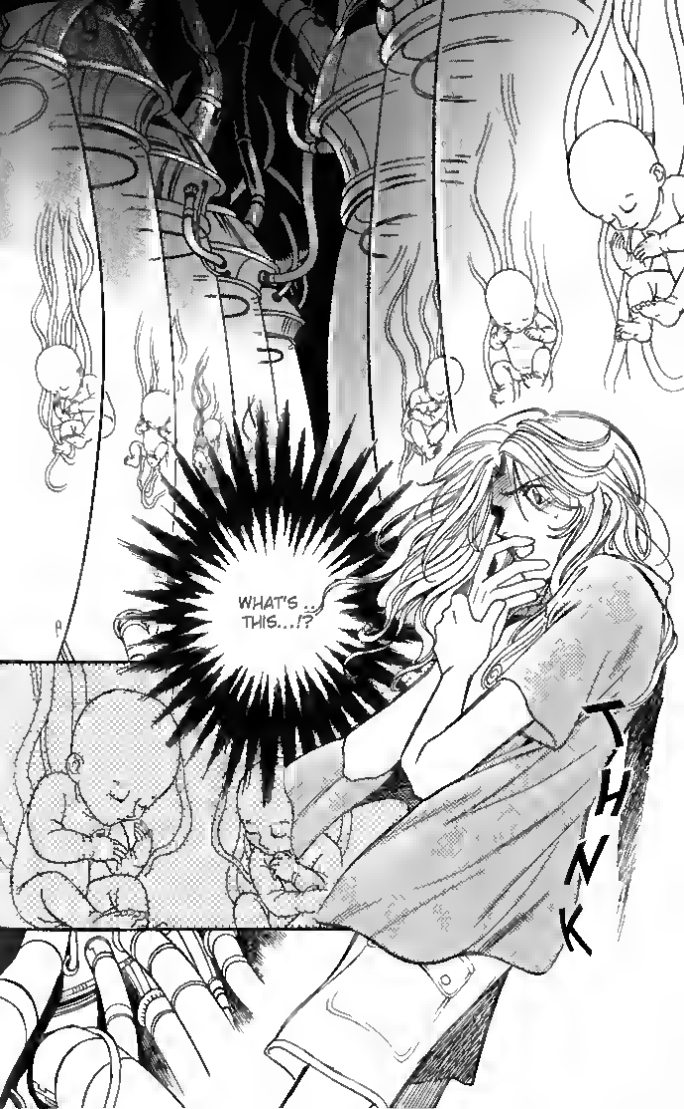
I...
CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD DOWN THIS PATH THAT WAS LEFT FOR ME...!
NEVER ...
GIVE UP YOUR DESIRES, MALLOY-SAMA.
I WILL ...
REMAIN BY YOUR SIDE UNTIL THE VERY END.

CHINK

I JUST REQUESTED SOME BACKUP FROM THE FOUNDATION'S MILITARY.
SHUN, WHERE DO WE STAND!?
HMPH
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE
AT ANY RATE, WE SHOULD KEEP HEADING TO THE ENEMY'S BASE
Chink
BUT HE'S OUR PRECIOUS "MARIA",
SO LET'S GET HIM OUT OF THERE SAFELY!
SEI

BEEP
HANG IN THERE
WE'RE COMING TO SAVE YOU!
DASH
SWISH
It's dark and I can't really see
W—
WHERE AM I? THIS PLACE IS SO WEIRD...

BEEP
BEEP
A GLASS TUBE?
—AH...


WHAT'S ... THIS...!?
THINK

Clench
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS IS WHERE WE... WERE BORN!
WE WERE MANUFAC-TURED...
WE'RE MONSTERS.
THE ANGEL GENE
EXPERI-MENTS

SWISH
WSSH
HOOF

DESPITE ALL THIS, ARE YOU "BLESSED"?
SEI.
YES SIR
TAKE HIM
ISN'T IT FASCINATING?
ANGEL'S DESCENDENTS

ON THE OTHER HAND, MY BIRTH WAS COLDLY PLANNED OUT.
THOUGH THE CHANCE THAT A "MARIA" WILL ARISE FROM ONE OF THEM IS INCREDIBLY SMALL
WHAT COMBINATION OF GENES BRINGS FORTH A NATURAL "MARIA"?
Walk
SO...
YOU REALLY ARE A MIRACLE
Flinch
SO
YOU'RE LOVELY
ALL THAT TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE CARE-FREE, "BLESSED"

URG
PRESS
IT MAKES ME WANT TO TEAR YOU APART...!
MAL-LOY-SAMA!
A GROUP OF MEN HAVE PENETRATED THE BASE!
THEY SEEM TO BE FROM THE MARIA FOUNDA-TION!
WHAT!?

JUMP
B
A
N
G
GARRGH!

WHIRR
BANG
BANG
BZZG
BZZG
...!

SEI!
WHERE ARE YOU, SEI!?
TO..
KI...
...

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE,
TOKI... KYOYA

IT'S BEEN AROUND FOUR YEARS NOW
HE WAS BEING HELD AT THIS BASE
YOU KNOW
TOKI?
HE WAS HERE WITH..
YOUR REAL MOTHER, MARIA ..!
EH?
WITH A SCIENTIST'S DESIRE TO LEARN MORE,
SHE INJECTED THE ANGEL GENE INTO HER OWN CHILD JUST AFTER HE WAS BORN
OH ...?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW

THE EXPERIMENT TURNED OUT BETTER THAN SHE HAD ANTICIPATED,
SINCE SHE DIDN'T HAVE HIGH HOPES AT ALL
SHE HAD PRODUCED A CHILD WHO WOULD PROBABLY BECOME "MARIA" — YOU.
BUT...
THERE WAS ALREADY A CHILD MEANT TO BECOME "MARIA" IN SOLON.
THE HEAD OF SOLON, ALEXANDER J. SOLON, CONCENTRATED ALL HIS RESOURCES INTO THE PROJECT, AND COLDLY CALCULATED OUT THE BIRTH OF "MARIA".
I WONDER IF SHE JUST SUDDENLY STARTED CARING FOR HER CHILD? IN ORDER TO KEEP YOU SAFE, MARIA...
SECRETLY SENT YOU AWAY.
THAT'S WHY SOLON COULDN'T FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR EXISTENCE.
IF THEY DID, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN TORN APART BACK THEN.

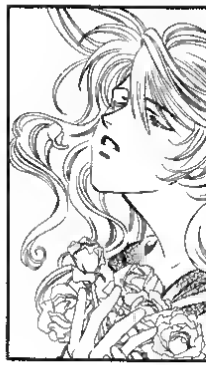
AND IN YOUR PLACE, SHE RAISED KYOYA...
AS YOUR SCAPE-GOAT...
ANYWAY, SHE ESCAPED SOLON'S NOTICE FOR A WHILE,
BUT THE INFORMA-TION EVEN-TUALLY LEAKED OUT.
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE MARIA AND KYOYA WERE CAPTURED AND—
HIS FORMER FOSTER PARENTS WERE KILLED IN FRONT OF HIM.

TOKI JUST LET MY OUTBURST PASS.
"WHITE MARIA" IS THE EXACT IMAGE OF THAT WOMAN!
...!

SEI...?
WHAT IS IT?
I— FINALLY UNDER-STAND
FINALLY...
WHY SOMETIMES, I THOUGHT HE HATED ME
I KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE PIERCING EYES—

I'M SORRY... I'M SORRY, TOKI
WIPE
!
HMPH, REALLY NOW...
LICK
IT SEEMS HE'S MY RIVAL...!

WELL THEN,
I'LL TAKE CARE TO KILL HIM IN FRONT OF YOU..
AND MAKE SURE HE SUFFERS -!
!



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DO YOU . . .
REALLY THINK YOU CAN . . !
TOKI WILL NEVER LOSE TO YOU!

GIL-BERT!
MAL-LOY-SAMA
DESPITE YOUR FIERY BRAVADO, YOU'RE JUST AFRAID, AREN'T YOU?
WHY DO YOU WORK FOR SOMEONE LIKE HIM!?

BECA-
USE
I FELL IN
LOVE WITH
HIM.

SEI,
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF A TRUE "MARIA"
SLIDE
WHOOSH
KEEP MOVING!
CRASH
YOU SHOULD SEE HOW MUCH MORE POWERFUL I AM

SHIT
IS THERE ANY WAY OUT OF HERE?
I..
I'M SAVED
Gush
Gush
Gush

MAL-LOY...!
THAT'S SO CRUEL!
WE'RE NEXT TO THE COLORADO RIVER, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER
THIS SHOULD BE ENTER-TAINING
THAT GUY YOU LIKE...
WILL DROWN LIKE A RAT...!
TOKI!
CHINK
CHINK

FLARE
THAT'S ENOUGH, JUST FORGET IT.
THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK!
THE BULLETS ARE HARDLY DOING ANYTHING!
CRACK
CRACK
OH,
hmph.
SEEMS I MISCAL-CULATED.
I'D FOR-GOTTEN...

BOOM
THAT TOKI KYOYA HAS SUPER-NATURAL POWERS...
LIKE US
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
ARE ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH, I ALWAYS GET LIKE THIS.
AFTER I USE MY POWERS I'LL BE FINE IN A BIT.

TURN
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU POINT THAT
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR FRIENDS, KYOYA?
...!
KISHO, SHUN ..!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!

AH?
EH..
THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR FACE
SOR-RY
KYO-YA
WE REALLY HAD TO LOOK FOR YOU
REALLY, RUNNING OFF BY YOURSELF LIKE THAT.
WHEN
IT COMES TO SEI, YOU LOSE YOUR COOL
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS.

IF I WERE THE ONE HELD PRISONER, YOU WOULDN'T SEARCH FOR ME THIS DESPERATELY
WHY ...
WOULD YOU SAY THAT NOW!?
GRAB
WANT ME...
TO HIT YOU?

!
HMPH ...
LET GO YOU'RE JUST AS FIERY AS USUAL
LET'S GO!
WE'LL SEE!
YOU WERE LIKE THIS WHEN WE FIRST MET, TOO.
BECAUSE OF YOUR POWER, YOU'D STRAYED FROM THE RIGHT PATH. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND TRULY THOUGHT THAT YOU'D DEFEAT ME

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL FROM BACK THEN
GIL, RELAY THIS TO THE TROOPS...
TAKE UP POSITIONS ONE BLOCK AHEAD OF THE FOURTH HANGAR.
THE INTRUDERS WILL HEAD THAT WAY.
HAVE THEM AMBUSH THEM!
?
MALLOY, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SEEM SURPRISED.
MARIA'S POWER OF PROPHECY CAN ALSO BE USED LIKE THIS.

KYOYA, GET DOWN!
KISHO!?
SOON ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE DEFEATED, THE ONE WITH THE BEAUTIFUL LONG HAIR.
YES
SHALL I DEMON-STRATE AGAIN?
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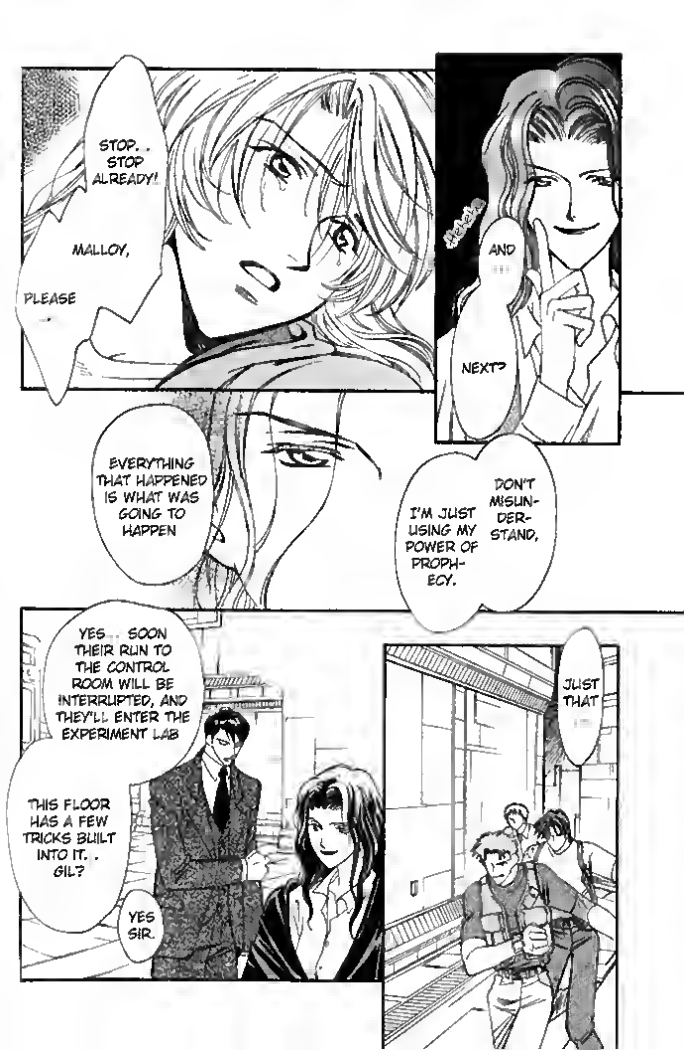
YOU OKAY, KYOYA!?
KISHO!
BANG
ARGH!
SHIT!
OW.
YEAH, KISHO MANAGED TO PUSH ME OUT OF THE WAY.

KISHO!!
URG
I ...
I'M FINE
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH
A SCRATCH !?
YOU'RE BLEEDING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
DON'T MOVE, I'LL STOP THE FLOW
I'M FINE, SO
KEEP GOING
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!

KYOYA!
WITH ME HURT LIKE THIS, I'LL JUST DRAG US ALL DOWN IF I GO!
KISHO!
JUST ...
MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK FOR ME!
IF YOU GUYS GET KILLED...
IT WON'T BE FUNNY AT ALL...!

SURE, SURE.
UNTIL THEN, JUST WAIT HERE!
YEAH.
WE'LL DEFINITELY BE BACK FOR YOU.
REALLY.
WHAT A HOT-BLOODED GUY
TO HAVE AS A FRIEND


STOP.. STOP ALREADY!
MALLOY, PLEASE
AND ...
NEXT?
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IS WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN
I'M JUST USING MY POWER OF PROPH-ECY.
DON'T MISUN-DER-STAND,
YES.. SOON THEIR RUN TO THE CONTROL ROOM WILL BE INTERRUPTED, AND THEY'LL ENTER THE EXPERIMENT LAB
THIS FLOOR HAS A FEW TRICKS BUILT INTO IT.. GIL?
YES SIR.
JUST THAT ...

!
SLIDE
SLIP
AHHH!
SHUN!

YOUR TOKI'S PRETTY TENACIOUS
WHAT DO YOU THINK, SEI?
BUT I WONDER IF HE CAN TAKE WHAT'S NEXT. .
I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY...
STOP... ALREADY ...

JUST PLEASE, SPARE TOKI!
YOU CAN... DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ME,
THESE BONES AND CELLS. .
YOU'LL GIVE THEM ALL TO ME!
SO,
YOU'LL GIVE ME YOUR POWER OF PROPHECY?

I'M
SO HAPPY, SEI! NO, WHITE MARIA
TOGETHER, WE'LL BECOME THE PERFECT HUMAN...!
MAL-LOY-SAMA!
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WHO...OSH
GEEZ,
HAVE SOME FAITH, IDIOT.

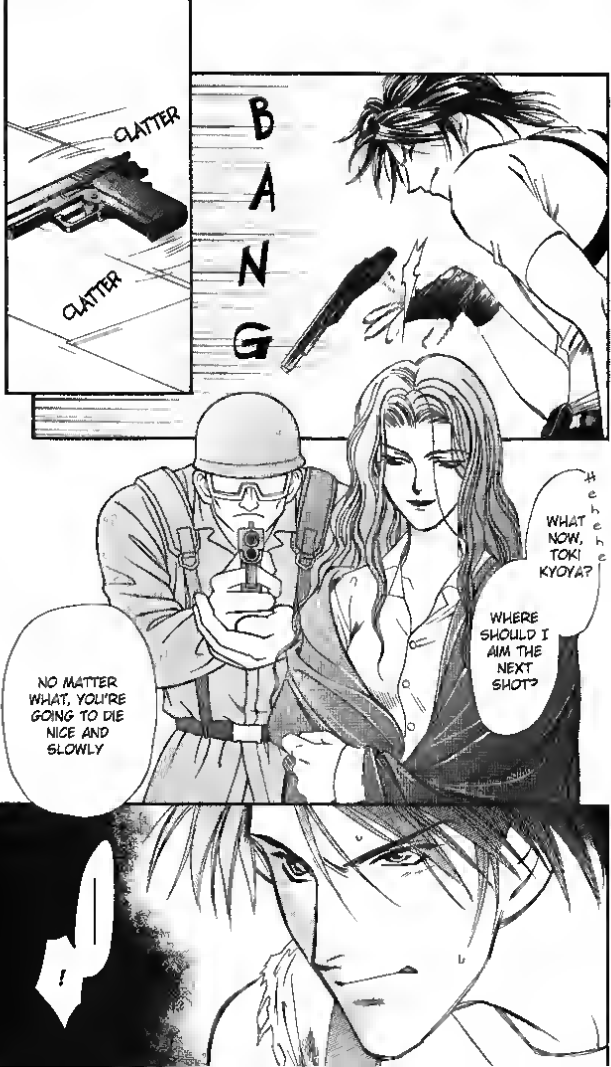
KCHNK
CLACK
OH!
NOT THAT WAY!
THE SHOT WILL COME FROM THE RIGHT, BEHIND YOU...!

GRGH!
BANG
HUH
WHY IS GIL JUST...?
TOKI
WHIIR
THUNK
!
YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH BETTER AT USING "MARIA'S" PROPHECY.

THANKS FOR THE HELP THERE.
IDIOT!
WHY'D YOU COME HERE!?
WHAT WOULD I DO IF YOU DIED!?

I'M THE ONE WHO SAYS "IDIOT", SO DON'T GO COPYING ME, YOU IDIOT
MUSS
GET DOWN, THERE'S ONE COMING FROM THE RIGHT!
AND TWO FROM BEHIND THE MONITOR!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR PROPHECIES ARE ALL JUMBLED TOGETHER
URG!
BANG
BANG
BANG


CLATTER
CLATTER
BANG
WHAT NOW, TOKI KYOYA?
hehehe
WHERE SHOULD I AIM THE NEXT SHOT?
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE NICE AND SLOWLY
!

SEI!
IDIOT!
STAY AWAY, SEI!
TOKI!
BANG

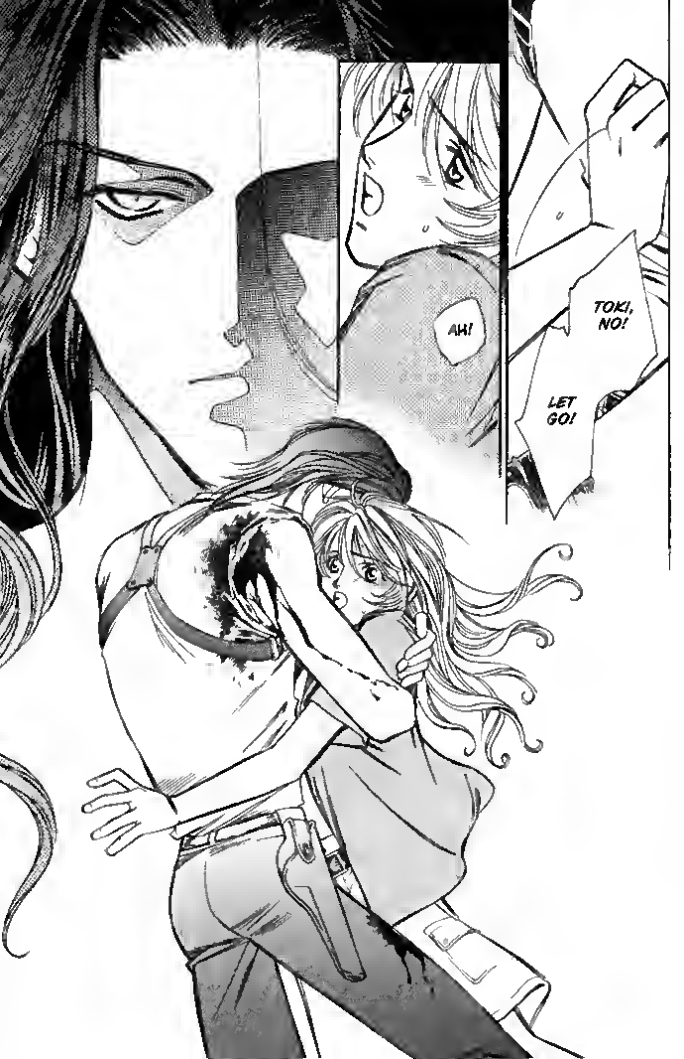
SEI, WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL SOMEONE, KILL ME!
UNTIL LATELY, I LIVED SO CAREFREE
BUT MY HAPPINESS WAS ALL AT YOUR COST
ALL YOUR SORROW WAS BECAUSE OF ME.
SO I HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

SO,
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL SOMEONE, KILL ME!
SEI!
SO...

I DON'T GET IT.
WHY WOULD YOU OFFER YOURSELF IN EXCHANGE FOR A FAILED ANGEL LIKE HIM?
IT'S SO INCREDIBLY STUPID OF YOU TO SACRIFICE YOUR OWN LIFE FOR AN INFERIOR.
MALLOY, YOU'RE WRONG.
EVEN IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.
NO ONE CAN SAVE YOU.

I CAN SEE IT.
YOUR SOUL IS SCREAMING..!
SAVE ME..?
WHAT.. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SINCE..
YOU HATE YOURSELF
YOU ...
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME!
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW EVERY-THING!
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT. .!
TOKI!


AH!
TOKI, NO!
LET GO!

IF YOU STAY LIKE THAT,
YOU'LL DIE TOGE-THER
I'LL HAVE THAT MUCH MERCY ON YOU
WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THIS, MALLOY? AS LONG AS YOU HATE YOURSELF,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HAVE, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE WHAT YOU WANT THE MOST!
NEVER!

BANG
SHUT UP!
WHAT?!
A GUN-SHOT!
IT CAME FROM THIS WAY!

I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS WHEN WE FELL INTO THAT HOLE.
YOU REALLY SAVED US BACK THERE.
I PRACTICE MY SHOT ALL THE TIME.
THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE TOKI GOT AHEAD OF US
!

SHUN!
IT'S ... YOU!

TOKI, SEI!
THAT'S MY LINE!
HEY, YOU'RE ALIVE!
YOU'RE SAFE!
...
GI... I...

GIL.. . I LOVED YOU..
SINCE I KNEW .. THAT SOMEDAY.. YOU WOULD KILL ME..

!
I'VE KNOWN THAT FOR A WHILE NOW...
YOU ... REALLY ARE RICHARD LEE'S SON... URG...
MAL-LOY-SAMA.
HURRY, GET OUT OF HERE
I JUST TRIGGERED THIS BASE'S SELF-DESTRUCT MECHA-NISM...

UWEEE
EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY
UWEEE
EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY
UWEEE
UWEEE
THE ANGEL GENES— EVERYTHING WILL BLOWN AWAY WITHOUT A TRACE
HE..
HEHE HE ..
WHAT'S THIS!?
THAT GUY IS PLANNING TO TAKE THE BASE OUT WITH HIM
WE CAN'T SIT AROUND HERE, WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!
YOU TOO, COME ON!

I'LL STAY HERE
GIL-BERT!
PLE-ASE

WH—
LET'S RESPECT HIS WISHES
WELL THEN,
WE'RE GOING

SHUN,
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU KNEW HIM.
UWEEE
NOT REALLY
I ONLY LOOKED AT HIS DATA ONCE.
HE'S THE SON OF THE LEE FAMILY, AND HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR A LONG TIME
LEE, THAT'S
YEAH, RICHARD LEE IS THE FOUNDER OF OUR MARIA FOUNDATION.
THE SOLON FAMILY TRIED TO RULE THE WORLD WITH THE ANGEL GENE,
AND THE LEE FAMILY TRIED TO STOP THEM.
RICHARD GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE DISPUTE, AND HE WAS KILLED BY ALEXANDER J. SOLON.

RUMBLE
SO THEN, GIL
YES
ALEXANDER J. SOLON?
MAYBE THE "BLACK MARIA" WAS TRYING TO BE LIKE HIS GRANDFATHER.
MUST HAVE WANTED TO CONTINUE HIS FATHER'S WILL,
AND ENTERED THE SOLON FAMILY ON HIS OWN.
WITH THE INTENTION OF DESTROYING THE BLACK MARIA

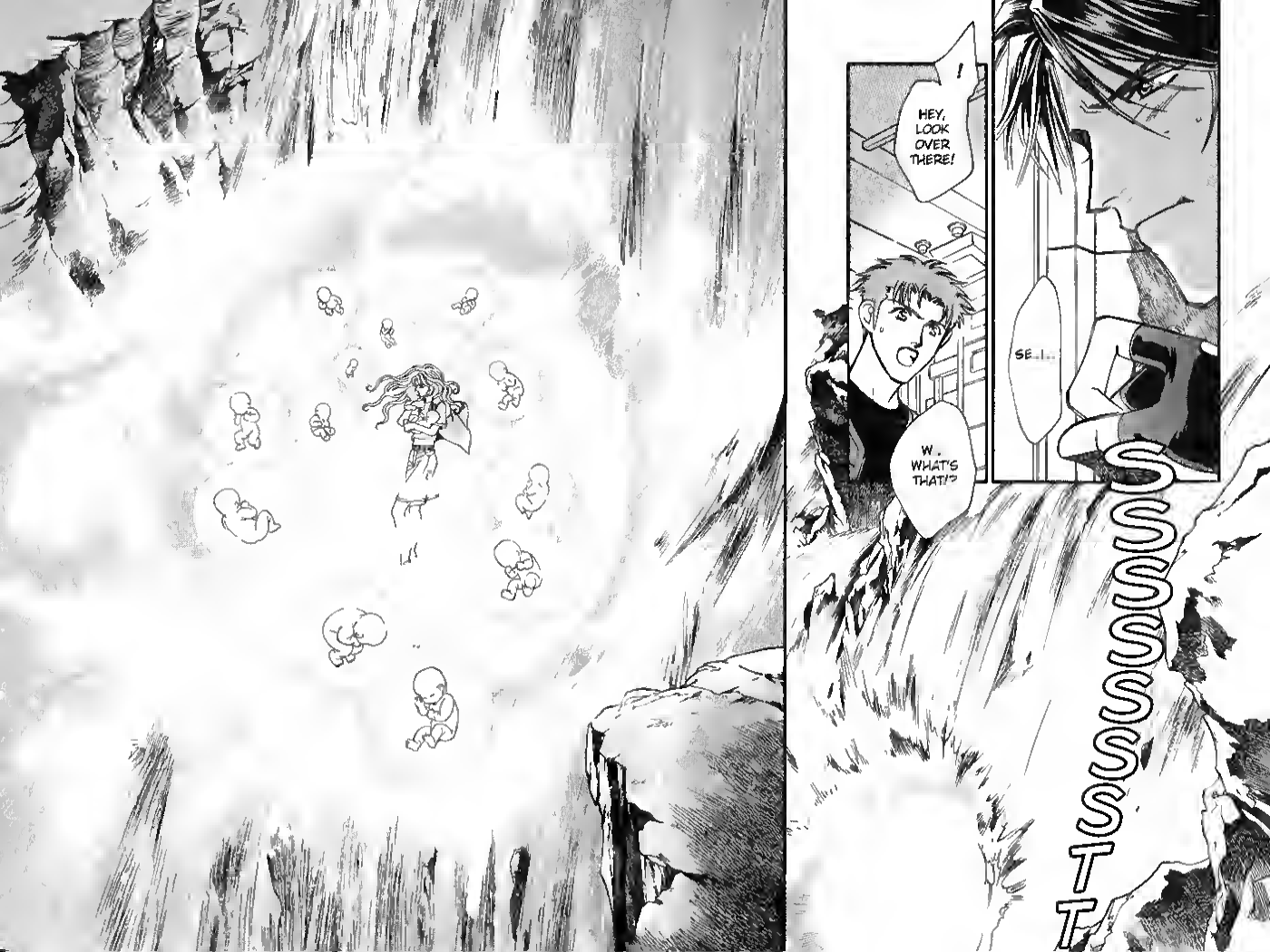
YOU REALLY INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY
YOUR SCAR...
IT'S FROM WHEN YOUR FATHER WAS KILLED
YOU TRIED TO INTERVENE, AND WERE WOUNDED...
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW...
AS FOR ME... MY GRANDFATHER FORCED HIMSELF ON MY MOTHER, JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS COMPATIBLE WITH THE EXPERIMENT...
MY MOTHER...
HATED MY GRANDFATHER AND I, AND GREW TWISTED IN HER HATRED... AND KILLED HERSELF.
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
YOU OKAY, KISHO?
YEAH, I'LL MAKE IT.
WOMP
WOMP
WOMP
I HATED MYSELF FOR IT...
WOULDN'T YOU HAVE TOO...?
WHAT IS IT, SEI? HURRY UP!
WAIT, ALL THE BABIES IN THIS BASE...

HEY, SEI!
DASH
THE BASE IS FALLING APART.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN
TO THOSE CHILD-REN?
TOKI, YOU CAN'T GO RUNNING OFF IN YOUR CON-DITION!
YOU'LL DIE!
WAIT,
SEI!

WE'LL FREE YOU FROM THIS!
WE'RE
THE SAME AS YOU
GIL, YOU IDIOT
YOU CAN'T.. ESCAPE.. ANY MORE..
DIDN'T I...
SAY THAT I'D STAY BY YOUR SIDE UNTIL THE VERY END..?
I'M
SO.. HAPPY... GIL

FLARE
SEI!!
COME TO ME,
OUR CHILDREN.

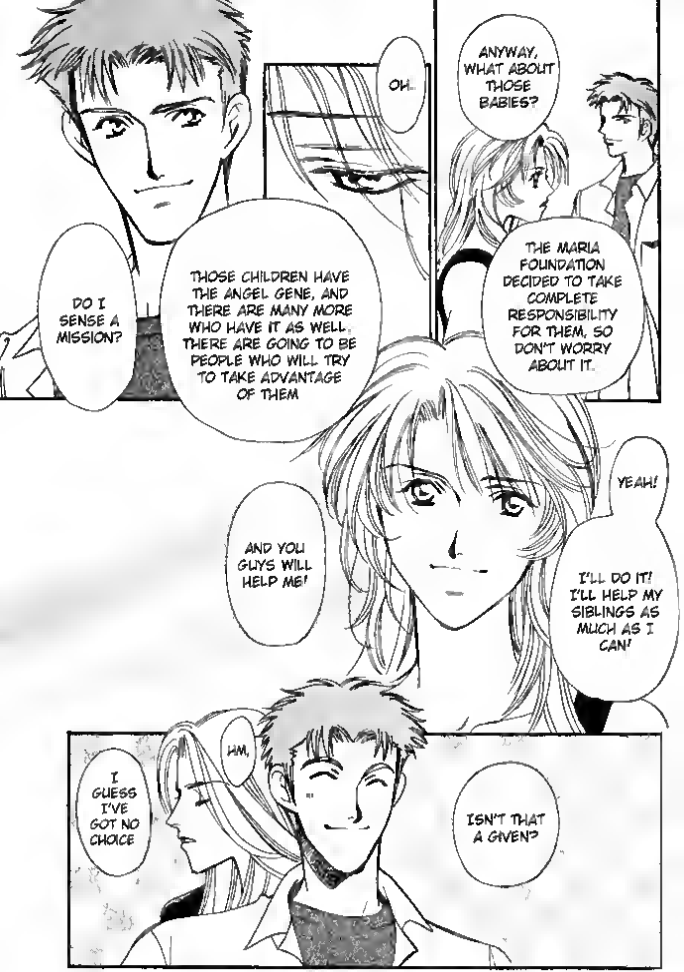

SSSSSSSTT
SE..!
!
HEY, LOOK OVER THERE!
W. WHAT'S THAT!?

THE LIGHT OF MARIA
THE VIRGIN MARY.
SHE IS A SPECIAL BEING. SHE CAN FORESEE ALL,
AND SAVE ALL
SHE IS A DESCENDENT OF ANGELS

LET'S HAVE ONE MORE TEST.
WHAT DO YOU SEE, SEI?
AH, UM...
OH! RIGHT NOW...
DONG
HE'S HOPELESS...
A COCKROACH AND ITS KIDS WILL SCUTTLE ACROSS THE FLOOR...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
THERE'S MORE TO MARIA'S POWER THAN WE THOUGHT
BE PATIENT
WHAT'S WRONG, DIDN'T YOUR POWERS AWAKEN?
OR WAS THAT JUST SOMETHING I DREAMT. . ?
MALLOY'S?
YEAH . . .
MAYBE. .
BUT, I. .
BACK THEN, I FELT LIKE ANOTHER POWER WAS HELPING ME.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK OF THE EXPLOSION,
FOR A MOMENT MALLOY'S AND YOUR POWER UNITED AND THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT FORTH THAT INCREDIBLE POWER..
BUT...
I DIDN'T GET THE FEELING THAT HE DIED...
FOR SOME REASON, I JUST COULDN'T HATE HIM...
MAYBE HE MANAGED TO SURVIVE, AND IS WORKING ON HIS NEXT PLOT.
TRULY...
I THINK SO TOO!


ANYWAY, WHAT ABOUT THOSE BABIES?
OH.
THE MARIA FOUNDATION DECIDED TO TAKE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
DO I SENSE A MISSION?
THOSE CHILDREN HAVE THE ANGEL GENE, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE WHO HAVE IT AS WELL. THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO WILL TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM
YEAH!
I'LL DO IT! I'LL HELP MY SIBLINGS AS MUCH AS I CAN!
AND YOU GUYS WILL HELP ME!
HM.
I GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE
ISN'T THAT A GIVEN?

TOKI
...
SLIDE
HMM
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU WITH ME ON THIS ..?
YOU LOOK TOTALLY INDECENT LIKE THAT
I can see your breasts ☆
IDIOT!
AND THESE GUYS ARE GOING TO SHAPE THE WORLD
Heeeey
HMPH
They've gotten so far already

WITH SPARKLING SMILES, ANGELS DANCE JOYOUSLY IN A CLOUD OF EXOTIC PERFUME...
MY SPIRIT GLOWS WHEN YOUR GENTLE EYES ARE ON ME, AND YOU BECOME MY ENTIRE WORLD.

L'ALLELUJA,
L'ALLELUJA...
A BOUQUET OF ROSES FOR THE ANGELS.

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